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SENATOR BILL HARDIMAN ANNOUNCES GRANT FUNDING FOR VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GRAND RAPIDS AREA

Lansing, Michigan – Senator Hardiman announced today that a \$100,000 Michigan Volunteer Investment Grant (VIG) has been awarded to the Heart of West Michigan United Way Volunteer Center and \$24,200 to Calvin College in Grand Rapids. The grant requires Heart of West Michigan United Way Volunteer Center and Calvin College to raise \$1 locally for each VIG dollar it receives.

“I am very grateful that the Michigan Community Service Commission recognizes the influential impact of both Heart of West Michigan United Way Volunteer Center and Calvin College volunteers, whose unselfishness touches the lives of many in our community,” said Senator Hardiman. “By awarding the Michigan Volunteer Investment Grant to these fine organizations, it enables them to further advance their programs and reach out to more individuals in need.”

Michigan's Volunteer Investment Grants (VIG) are awarded by the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) to community-based nonprofit organizations or colleges and universities that have a volunteer resource center serving the community.

The MCSC, the administrator of Michigan's VIG, funds and supports programs that encourage all Michigan residents to volunteer. Annually, the MCSC grants more than \$7.5 million in federal funds and \$780,000 in state funds to local communities for volunteer programs and activities. Find out more about the MCSC by visiting www.michigan.gov/mcsc.

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